(c) whether the requisition made by the Wasteland Development Board from the State of Rajasthan for allotment and allocation of barren land for purposes of afforestation has been finalised; if so, to what extent; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The percentage of forest area in relation to geographical area in Rajasthan as on 31-12-1983 was about 9 per cent.

(b) The State Government is implementing a number of afforestation schemes under social forestry, soil conservation and rural development programmes, in addition to complementary action by voluntary agencies.

(c) The National Wastelands Development Board has not requisitioned any wasteland for the purpose of afforestation from the Government of Rajasthan.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

1166. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise break-up figures of the development through the implementation of 20-Point Programme for the year 1985-86;

(b) what is the extent of development among the persons below the poverty line;

(c) whether it is a fact that 20-Point Programme has not been implemented in some States;

(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Central Government have issued directives to the State Governments for speedy implementation of the Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHARY): (a) The State-wise progress of implementation during the year 1985-86 upto January, 1986 of the 20 items under the 20-Point Programme for which monthly reports are received is set out in statement. [See Appendix XXXVII. Annexure No. 16].

(b) The information relating to number of persons below the poverty line is available for two points of time viz. 1977-78 and 1983-84. According to provisional estimates during this period the number of persons below the poverty line has decreased from 48.3 per cent in 1977-78 to 37.4 per cent in 1983-84.

(c) No, Sir. All the States are implementing the 20-Point Programme.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) From time to time, Government of India is writing to the States for speedy implementaton of the Programme.

Progress of Various Projects

1167. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what progress in implementation of the (a) Mejhia Power Project, (b) Farakka Thermal Project, and (c) Dankuni Coal Gasification Project have been made; and

(b) what steps have been taken to expedite the implementation?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHARY): (a) The progress in implementation of the projects is as below:

(i) *Mejhia Power Project*: in the absence of the expenditure sanction, the implementation work has not started.

(ii) *Farakka STPP stage-I* (600 MW): The project is expected to

be completed by December, 1986 and stage-II (1000 MW) by February, 1992.

(iii) *Dankuni Coal Gasification*: The project was originally scheduled for completion in September, 1984 and is now anticipated to be completed by July, 1987.

(b) Following steps have been taken to expedite the implementation of these projects.

(i) *Mejhia*— Formal clearance from the Department of Forests & Wild Life is being pursued.

(ii) *Farakka STPP stage-I*—Acquisition of land is being expedited and contractual problems affecting the coal handling plant are being sorted out.

(iii) *Dankuni Coal Gasification*— The construction work is being vigorously pursued by the Department of Coal and CIL at appropriately high level for expeditious completion of the project

Service Rules and Conditions of IAS Officers

1168. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under their consideration a set of proposals for changing the existing service rules and conditions of the Indian Administrative Service Officers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government has been reviewing various aspects of the conditions of service of the members of the IAS. Since no final decisions have been taken it would not be possible to give any details.

Police power to Central Agencies along the International Border

1169. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to give police powers to the Central agencies all along the international border;

(b) if so, what specific purposes for which these powers are sought to be given; and

(c) what measures are being taken to ensure co-ordination between the State police and the Central agencies in the exercise of powers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Police powers to search, seizure and arrest etc. under Criminal Procedure Code have already been given to the BSF personnel who are guarding the international border.

(b) These have been given to BSF personnel to enable them to apprehend infiltrators, smugglers, criminals ect. in the border belts.

(c) Co-ordination already exists among the State Police, Customs and BSF authorities etc.

"पर्यावरणीय प्रदूषण को रोकने के उपाय"

1170. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में उज्जैन की क्षिप्रा नदी और भोपाल के तालाब की सफाई करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) तथा (ख) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के अनुसार, क्षिप्रा की